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To prohibit the payment to the United Nations of any contributions by the United States until United States overpayments to such body have been properly credited or reimbursed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "United Nations Erro-

5 neous Debt Act of 1999".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following

8 findings:

1 　　　　(1) A March 1996 General Accounting Office

2 　report entitled "Peace Operations" details that the

3 　United States has provided $6,600,400,000 during

4 　fiscal years 1992 through 1995 in support of mili-

5 　tary and peacekeeping operations of the United Na-

6 　tions.

7 　　　　(2) These funds which have come from various

8 　Federal agencies, primarily the Department of De-

9 　fense, were used to provide military supplies, trans-

10 　portation, humanitarian relief, and other services.

11 　　　　(3) Only about $1,800,000,000 was credited

12 　against assessed contributions to the United Na-

13 　tions.

14 　　　　(4) Of the remaining $4,800,000,000, only

15 　$79,400,000 was reimbursed to the United States by

16 　the United Nations.

17 　　　　(5) In effect providing a $4,720,600,000 gift to

18 　the United Nations from the United States, which

19 　has not been credited against the alleged arrearages

20 　in assessed contributions owed by the United States

21 　to the United Nations in the reported amount of

22 　$1,300,000,000.

23 　　　　(6) It is not in the United States taxpayers'

24 　best interest to pay so-called debts to the United

25 　Nations that do not take into account all of the

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1 other assistance the United States has provided to
2 the United Nations.

3 　　(7) There is no United States debt to the
4 United Nations.

5 (b) PURPOSES.—It is the purpose of this Act to ter-
6 minate and prohibit all payments of assessed or voluntary
7 contributions to the United Nations or any specialized
8 agency of the United Nations until a just accounting has
9 credited other assistance provided by the United States
10 to the United Nations against alleged arrearages in as-
11 sessed contributions.

12 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION AND PROHIBITION OF PAYMENTS TO**
13 　　　　　**THE UNITED NATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until a certification is made
15 under subsection (b) and notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
17 able for any fiscal year under "Contributions to Inter-
18 national Organizations", "Contributions for International
19 Peacekeeping", or any other account shall not be available
20 for the payment of any assessed or voluntary contribution
21 to the United Nations or any specialized agency of the
22 United Nations or for any obligation or expenditure of
23 funds for the United Nations or any specialized agency
24 of the United Nations.

1   (b) CERTIFICATION.—The certification referred to in
2 subsection (a) is a certification by the President to the
3 Congress that—

4   (1) the United Nations has entered into an
5   agreement with the United States to reimburse or
6   credit to the account of the United States an
7   amount, which is not less than $4,720,600,000,
8   which reflects unreimbursed financial and other as-
9   sistance of the United States to the military peace-
10   keeping efforts of the United Nations from 1992
11   through 1995; or

12   (2) the United Nations—

13   (A) has eliminated $1,300,000,000 in al-
14   leged arrearages of the United States to the
15   United Nations; and

16   (B) has entered into an agreement with
17   the United States to reimburse or credit to the
18   account of the United States an amount, which
19   is not less than $3,500,000,000.

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